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TOPIC Soviet Air Force Troops in Falkensee

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REMARKS

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1. On 13 July 1952, [redacted] that all the workshops of the former Berlin-Seegfelder-Industriewerke (BSI) in Falkensee were dismantled, except for two, one of which was used for storing confiscated furniture and the other one, guarded by air force soldiers, probably served as an ammunition dump. Air force soldiers handling ammunition boxes were observed in the latter workshop. [redacted] a constantly increasing quantity of aircraft ammunition for ground attack planes has been stored there for three weeks. (1) 25X1
2. At 5 p.m., on 24 July, about 30 officers ranking from lieutenant colonel assembled in front of the headquarters building in the Falkensee restricted area. They were led by the deputy of the general, a colonel called G. (grandpa), into the conference room where a briefing was held. Shortly afterward the chief accountant, an officer who was recently promoted to lieutenant colonel, arrived in the conference room carrying a bundle of documents. (2) 25X1
3. The warehouse in the restricted area, which was previously managed by Germans, was turned over to the Russians in late July. The additional warehouse for soldiers in the restricted area was closed. [redacted] warehouse 25X1 houses inside and outside the Soviet installations which were previously managed by employees of the consumers' association were taken over by the Russians. This step was taken because of a fear of espionage. For the same reason, all the German employees in the Soviet-occupied installations were to be replaced by Russians. Only the German interpreters and drivers were to remain for the time being. (3)
4. [redacted] the exchange of motor vehicles now under way in Eastern Germany had the purpose of moving the many vehicles of American origin to the U.S.S.R. because of a shortage in spare parts. The units in Eastern Germany were to be equipped with Russian vehicles. (4)

[redacted] Comments.

- (1) It is known that the buildings of the former Berlin-Seegfelder-Industriewerke (BSI) house a furniture depot of the Falkensee local office. The location of the BSI, [redacted] The ammunition dump is reported for the first time.

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- (2) The Falkensee restricted area is occupied by the ground attack corps headquarters of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army. [REDACTED] 25X1
observations, the commanding officer is a general.
- (3) In this connection mention is made of the observation by another 25X1
[REDACTED] to which a course for Soviet soldiers was established
by the ground attack division headquarters in Boberitz. In this
course, the soldiers were to learn the work previously performed by
German employees. After completion of this course, the Soviet soldiers 25X1
are to replace the German craftsmen in Soviet-occupied objects. [REDACTED]
- (4) The exchange program was previously reported. [REDACTED]

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